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Chatsworth Man Pleads to Running Over Peacocks

A 61-year-old man has entered no contest pleas to animal cruelty for killing two peacocks by running them over with his pickup truck, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Bradley Lieberman said Floyd Michael Belton of Chatsworth entered the plea yesterday to two misdemeanor counts of cruelty to an animal.

Belton was immediately sentenced to three years of summary probation with the following terms: one day in jail, a \$1,000 donation to the Pasadena Humane Society, 45 days of Caltrans work or an additional \$3,600 donation, a 10-year ban on owning or possessing any animals with the exception of his German Shepherd and the completion of 48 sessions of an animal abuse counseling program.

The prosecutor stated that the defendant ran over male and female peacocks with his Ford F-150 truck on July 25, 2019.

Case PA093227 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lost Hills Station.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.